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REMARKS

The undersigned acknowledges the courteous treatment received during the course of a personal interview on this date with Examiners Spahn and Safavi.

During the interview the undersigned pointed out how claims 1, 2, 18 and 20 distinguishes over the art of record. Examiner Spahn noted a few typographical errors in the amendment and these have been corrected in this amendment.

One of the issues discussed is whether the limitation "a rod on the outside of and spaced from said gutter" in claim 1 is met by the protuberance 13 illustrated in Fig. 10 of Blanton. The undersigned pointed out that protuberance 13 was not a rod (dict. definition: "a straight, thin piece or bar of metal, wood, or other material") nor is it spaced from the gutter (dict. def. of "spaced": "separate or keep apart"). However, to clarify the distinction, claim 1 has been further amended herein to recite that the rod is solid and suspended on the outside of the gutter as well as spaced from the gutter, as clearly shown in Fig. 4. This claimed configuration is not suggested by Blanton.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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